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For Christ and the Church

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Delegates from various areas of Germany, holding Christian Endeavor flags and standards, stand behind theme banner at German Convention in Kiel August 2-4.

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From the Executive Secretary . . .

A Refugee Speaks

"For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Tell all Christian Endeavorers this message from the refugees in Berlin, was the request I received from one of them while I visited a tent camp for East Zone refugees in West Berlin. Each week more than two thousand men, women and children flee from the oppression of Communism in East Germany, across the border into West Berlin—from darkness into light. One has only to stand in the shadow of Brandenburg Gate to catch a glimpse of the comparison. In the West many advances, vast areas restored and rebuilt, wide avenues, beautiful homes and apartments, grand shops, and places of worship from evangelistic tents to fine churches and missions. In the East state-controlled stores with shabby merchandise and high prices, homes in the heaps of bomb rubble, the better homes and apartments only for the party men, churches in disrepair, and evangelistic meetings, Christian conferences and conventions not permitted.

I visited several refugee centers in West Berlin, talking with many who had seen friends and loved ones for the last time. They had fled the East Zone with only that which they could wear. Had they carried anything they would have been detained at the barrier. Children, infants, thrust by parents into the hands of those fleeing into the West—to liberty, freedom and a new life.

A young man talked enthusiastically about having found Christ for the first time in one of the refugee centers. He had committed himself to a life of service to his new-found Lord. He was most anxious for the day he could find employment beyond that encircled city of Berlin, which would permit him one day to begin to prepare himself for a life of telling others of his countrymen about a new life in Christ. And the ministry of Christian Endeavor is being felt among these refugees in ways it is not possible to discuss. They need your prayers, your active concern, as they move out from these refugee centers in West Berlin to new lands and places. "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

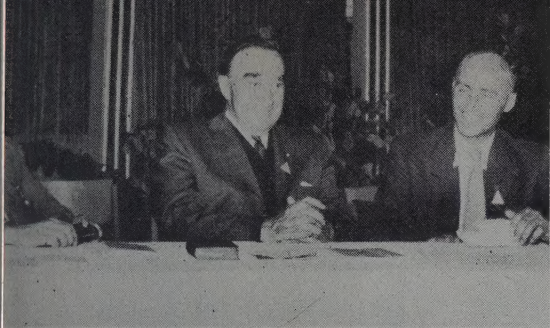
Christian Endeavor in Many Lands

The universal ministry of Christian Endeavor, our oneness in Christ in spite of national boundaries and language barriers, was never more fully revealed to me than during my several weeks in Europe this summer. From the moment we set foot on German soil in Hamburg, and there were greeted by two gleaming CE monogram pins on the lapels of two German friends, until I left London International airport after fine fellowship with Rev. H. W. Sendall, M.A., General Secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland, I was moved and thrilled with the Christian fellowship which made us as one. A high moment came when I saw the familiar cover page of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD waving at me above the heads of people at the vast Templehof Airdrome in Berlin. And there I learned that every issue of our magazine finds its way across the border into the hands of Christian Endeavorers in the East Zone, behind the Iron Curtain, where each issue is eagerly awaited.

The great German National Christian Endeavor convention in Kiel, with over seven thousand youth and German leaders participating, will long be remembered for its evangelical fervor. Roads leading to Kiel were crowded with bicycles, motor-scooters, motorbikes, cars, charter buses, and hikers—going to the convention. In Amsterdam I met with three leaders of the movement in Holland. While in Rome, in the company of long-time Christian Endeavor leader Roberto Comba, I took a revealing side trip to Ecumene, the international work camp high up in the Italian hills. In Frankfurt I met with an enthusiastic, dedicated group of fifteen youth and leaders under the able direction of Robert Joedt, president of the Frankfurt Christian Endeavor Federation. There they meet monthly in Christian Endeavor House to continue plans for the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt July 23-27, 1958, in the great Festival Hall.

Wherever I visited, in Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, France, Belgium, England, and here in America, I was increasingly impressed with the opportunities, the challenges, that face Christian Endeavor in every land to minister FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

Harold Westerhoff



EE PRESIDENTS—Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, with Dr. Earle W. Gates (left), International Society head, and Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Union, participates in German National Convention.

Christian Endeavor Is "Inter---"

By Dr. Earle W. Gates

A report of the recent visit of the president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor to the German National Convention and to other parts of Europe.

Christian Endeavor is interdenominational, international, and interracial. This fact has been testified anew in the vivid events of this summer. Following the International Convention in Portland, Oregon, it was my privilege to see the dynamic life of our movement in Europe.

On August 1 Executive Secretary Harold Westerhoff and I left for Kiel, Germany. Daniel A. Poling joined us the following day. Christian Endeavor friendship sealed itself anew from the moment we arrived in Hamburg en route, being met by German Endeavor leaders, who took us to their homes and hearts.

The German National Convention, held in the huge "Ostseehall," in the old city of Kiel, was a mighty convention indeed. Over a thousand attended, with over seven thousand in some sessions. They were long meetings, often weighty in nature, but always inspiring. The evangelical fervor of the youth, who made up the great majority of the attendants, was heart-warming. The enthusiasm, the deep dedication to the things of Christ, revealed the reason for the dynamic growth of Christian Endeavor in Germany, and elsewhere in Europe. Even behind the Iron Curtain, in the Eastern Zone under Russian rule, the work is active and growing. There are already 100 Endeavorers there. More than 200 have come from this zone, where personal freedom is but a memory and a future hope; came at personal risk and sacrifice. Some have perhaps not been able to return safely.

Challenging Theme

The soul-stirring theme was a blessing in itself, and it was much emphasized. On a huge banner across the platform, in bold black letters on the programs, from count-posters and billboards throughout the entire city and environs the words "Du gehörst Gott" challenged us. "You Belong to God" is the meaning, and how it stabbed awake to our Christian responsibilities!

Under the vigorous leadership of the president of the World's Union, our own Daniel A. Poling, we American delegates had significant parts in the program

from day to day. His is a magnificent leadership indeed. The affection and esteem afforded him by the young people of the entire world was symbolized by the great throng that formed a long triumphal passageway when he arrived. As he walked the entire distance from car to auditorium, he was greeted on all sides by songs, applause, flags—and love. I was proud indeed to be associated with him, and with Harold Westerhoff, whose life and leadership also



Young deaconesses present a challenge to full-time Christian service.

is a blessing to so many, and whose work daily becomes more precious. Harold now serves also as acting general secretary of Area I of the World's Union. How fortunate we are to be led by such men, and their associates around the world!

Among the speakers, in addition to the Americans, were representatives from Greece, Holland, Japan, China, Norway, etc. The general secretary of Area II, William J. Sharpe, was a leading figure. Many outstanding German leaders, headed by President Arno Pagel and Pastor Kamphausen, participated in the program. There are ten full-time field secretaries employed there, in addition to the presidency which is also a full-time work.

A busy man was our genial interpreter, Bernard von Schwerin. He served in many helpful ways, in addition to his platform work. Yet despite the differences in the several languages, there was ever a oneness

of spirit. We understood each other well—truly in Christ we are one.

Unusual Features

There were many unusual features of this convention, some that could well be copied here. A tremendous brass band, sometimes with more than 200 instruments, made a great contribution, as did the unusually fine and large choir. Great street meetings were held in various places, to convey the enthusiasm and the evangelistic message to all the city. Several types of Christian Endeavor uniforms were in evidence, representing different towns or areas. Some resembled our own Boy Scout uniforms, and had special pins and neckerchief slides. A well-trained choral group of nearly a hundred gave choral readings that stirred the very soul. Some of the larger and most interesting groups were the deaconesses. Attired in their traditional garb of office, and representing a sacrificial Christian vocation in the state church, these young women took an active part.

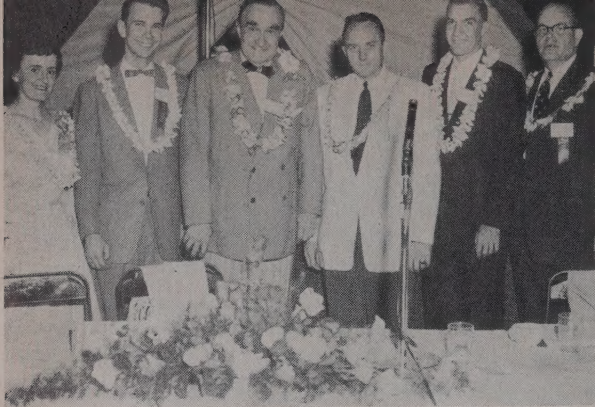
Assuredly there must have been countless dedications of life in these convention days. The flaming zeal of evangelism was always felt, and the reasonable logic of the Christian life was constantly an inspiration. Among the many hymns and prayers we shared in common, none struck as responsive a note as the tune of "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Sung in several tongues, we were very sure of that tie, and of the One Who has made it possible.

Following this thrilling convention, it was my privilege to meet with Christian Endeavor leaders elsewhere on the continent and throughout the British Isles. One of the interesting stops was at the Youth for Christ International Congress on Evangelism in Copenhagen, Denmark. A unique part of their program was the dividing of the evening mass meetings into several areas of the city, to reach more local people. Another stop, ever to be remembered, was at the Boy Scout World Jamboree, at Sutton-Coldfield in the midlands of England.

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Pictured at meeting of Council of German Christian Endeavor Union are Dr. Daniel A. Poling (seated sixth from left), Dr. Earle W. Gates (seated fourth from left), Harold E. Westerhoff (standing fourth from left), and William J. Sharpe (seated fourth from right). Rev. Arno Pagel, German president, is seated left of Dr. Poling.



LEADERS AT BANQUET pictured here are (left to right) Phyllis Rike, Robert C. Ross, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Earle W. Gates, Timothy J. Kribs, and Harold E. Westerhoff.



FLOWERS FROM HAWAII made a big hit! Here Mrs. Glen Meek places an orchid on Rev. Walter Frutiger, associate chairman of Portland Committee, while Mrs. Frutiger wears a beautiful lei.

The Portland Convention Lives On

The great days of the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, this July will not soon be forgotten. The inspiring messages, the helpful conferences, the Christian fellowship—all these the many delegates will long remember.

Among the colorful features was the great Christian Witness Parade on Saturday afternoon. The judges awarded first place in the float section to the Ontario Union, first place for marching units to Ohio, and the top award for other entries to Washington State. Points were awarded for placing in the various sections and the plaque for grand prize went to Ohio Union, who was first in marching units and second in the float section.

In the Portland registration contest New York State took first place in Division A and thus led the parade, followed by Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, and California, who placed in that order. In Division B Golden Rule led, followed by Ontario, Kentucky, Maryland, and District of Columbia.

Special awards to registrars for greatest gains in their division in the final phase of the contest were won by Luther Bergman, California, and Ann S. Fulton, Virginia. A Christian Endeavor ring goes to each of these winners.

Oregon Union's annual "Flag Race" for convention registrations was won by Douglas County, with Mt. Hood in second place, followed by Clackamas Union in third.

For the 48 young people, who made a total of 74 decisions, as well as for the many others who pledged themselves anew to Christ and His Church, the Portland Convention will live on in the days ahead.



"Christ Calls" is theme of closing challenge given by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, vice-president of International Society.

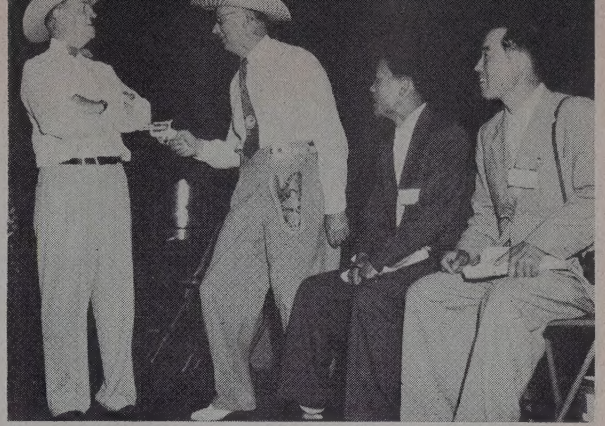
Do you have a copy of the Encyclopedia of Notes? Prepared specifically for the Portland Convention, this book contains helpful information for every Christian Endeavor leader. Now available at the bargain price of only 25c a copy. Order from International Society.



Convention choir, made up of delegates, rehearses under direction of Prof. Earle H. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. William B. Smebye at the piano.



PENNSYLVANIA ENDEAVORERS step along, led by William "Ben" Sklin" Lewis and Miriam "Betsy Ross" Shopp, to win second award marching units.



KOREAN DELEGATES Kim Bong Sik (seated, left) and Woo Syung Ki enjoy horseplay as "cowboy" Cecil Jeffery "sticks up" Arch McQuilkin during morning general assembly.

Pictures And In Lives



Co's float won second prize in parade competition.



Empire State entry leads convention parade; places third in awards



"Texas for Christ" is theme of float which received honorable mention.



Photos by Owen Mossbarger

Steers representing Youth Assembly, elected at Portland sessions, are (left to right) Johanna Jenkins, William T. Lewis, Carol E. Gates, Timothy J. Kribs (advisor), Maria L. Blackburn, Robert Markell (vice-chairman), Ellen L. Heacock, Carolyn Ann Arnold, James Humphreys (chairman), Jean Ferguson (secretary), and Alice Schoonhoven.

Reports from Top Winners In Christian Endeavor's Six Citizenship Contests



How glad I am that you sponsor the citizenship contest each year! So many things have happened since I received that telegram—I believe nothing will ever equal the blessings I have received and I'm grateful—to God and to Christian Endeavor. There will never be a convention as inspirational, educational, and full of fellowship as the one in Portland! It was wonderful.

—Carolyn Arnold, Texas (1957)

Being able to win in the contest and attend the convention is one of the highlights in my life. As I wrote the essay, I appreciated more and more what Christian Endeavor had done and was doing for our world. To be at the convention was a great blessing to me. I realized that our little Christian Endeavor group wasn't alone, but there were hundreds of other people working with the same purpose and with the same goal in view. It gave me a new interest to go home and work.

—Elda Ann Thornburg, Kansas (1955)



The biggest inspiration was to witness men and women and young people from everywhere, of all colors and denominations, united—united in a common faith that Christ is the Son of God. This, for me, came the closest to early Christianity of anything I had known. And I came to see all this because of the citizenship contest. I must add that I felt challenged (and obligated) to live up to the ideals I had set forth in my "letter."

—Jana Woodrum, Colorado (1954)

What the Winners Say

A very pressing problem where I live is the problem of segregation. As a result of the citizenship contest, I have developed a much broader view of the situation . . . I now understand more fully than before the fact which always remains—that all people, regardless of race or color, should be treated equally, for they are equal in the eyes of God.

—Nelda J. Thomas, Texas (1956)



I have a continuing interest in Christian citizenship. The Pennsylvania state judge, Rev. Melvin Forney, helped create an interest in the Lord's Day and other citizenship projects. I am currently the Ohio representative for the Lord's Day Alliance and chairman of the Sunday Observance Committee of Dayton, Ohio. In this capacity I have had the privilege of helping to sponsor joint meetings of various church and civic groups, plus making contacts with the state legislature.

—Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., Ohio (1956)

Since winning the contest I have spoken and given my essay over the radio several times, in local churches, in many communities other than my own, and also for the juvenile judges' convention . . . To be able to share my thoughts, beliefs, and happiness with others has been one of the nicest things about winning. It makes me realize that a Christian youth does have a definite place in society—a place worth filling to the very best of one's ability.

—Pauline Webster, Massachusetts (1956)



ANNOUNCING—Christian Endeavor's 1958 Citizenship Contest Featuring the Albert H. Diebold Awards—

\$1,000 in cash and two free trips to Christian Endeavor's
Citizenship Convocation, New York City, July 4-6, 1958

Write "A Letter to My Editor" on the subject SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP!

Full details can be obtained from Robert C. Ross, Citizenship Director,
International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

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BILLY GRAHAM AT CHAPEL—Dr. Daniel A. Poling (left) shows mural sinking of the USS DORCHESTER to evangelist Billy Graham. Rev. Walt H. White (right) is the chaplain in charge of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, Philadelphia. Dr. Poling's son Clark is one of the four heroic chaplains who gave lifebelts to soldiers as the ship was sinking and whose memory the chapel is named. Billy Graham spoke to about 50 persons at a service in the Chapel during the time of his New York Crusade. On June 28, Christian Endeavor night at the Crusade, 2,000 Endeavorers were present. Dr. Earle W. Gates gave the prayer for the evening.

Know Your America Week

Christian Endeavorers in the United States have a practical outlet for Christian citizenship in "Know Your America Week," November 24-30, sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. Societies are urged to participate in local activities or to initiate plans. Write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor for a detailed manual of instructions.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Plan Now for 1958 Christian Endeavor Week

Christian Endeavor Week 1958 will be celebrated from January 26 to February 2.

Using the theme "Lord, I Believe," thousands of Endeavorers in the United States, Canada, and Mexico will number the 77th birthday of the Christian Endeavor movement.

The week gives opportunity to dramatize the place and purpose of youth in the program of the church and community and to bring more youth to a full relationship with Christ and the church.

For help in making early plans, order the 1958 Christian Endeavor Week Packet. Containing a manual of helpful suggestions, scripts for both radio and television, party plans, publicity suggestions, and many other items, this packet is what each society or union needs.

Available from your state or provincial union or order direct from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. The complete packet costs only 50c.

1958 Outdoor Posters Challenge "Live Daily . . . for Christ and the Church"

Enthusiasm is running high for Christian Endeavor's 1958 Outdoor Poster Program.

The colorful new design with its striking message will attract the interest of thousands of people and point them to the church and to Christian Endeavor in the church.

Already outdoor poster chairmen are busy in many state and provincial unions, securing contributions of space from local poster owners and financial gifts from Christian Endeavorers to cover the cost of the posters. The Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc., has recognized this program as a worthy project. Delegates at the International Convention in Portland were much impressed with the 1958 poster. Through the courtesy of Foster and Kleiser, local outdoor advertising agency, one of these beautiful posters was mounted as a backdrop for the stage at the Public Auditorium. This is pictured on the cover of the August-September issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Poster orders must be placed with the International Society of Christian Endeavor before November 15. Price is \$4.25 each for 1 to 10 posters, \$4.00 each in quantities of 50 or more. Payment must accompany all orders.

Early action is essential for success. Write to Phyllis Rike, Director, Outdoor Poster Program, International Society of Christian Endeavor, for complete details and guidance bulletins.



They Celebrated in 1957

Endeavorers from the Senior and Intermediate societies at Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, Illinois, are pictured at Chicago Union's 1957 birthday rally at Metropolitan Community Church. These youth won the trophy for the church with the largest number present—100% of their membership plus 157 visitors. They won this award in 1955 and in 1956 and have also taken honors at Reformed Church youth conferences. Over 800 persons attended the rally where Rev. Raymond Weiss, who is preparing for missionary service in Iraq, was the speaker.

New State Union Presidents



Roy Lawson
Oregon



Joan Pyle
Michigan



Rev. Wayne L. Conant
Kansas

October Designated "Church Press Month"

"October is a significant time to observe CHURCH PRESS MONTH," says Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of the United States. "Beginning with the national Day of Prayer on October 2, and guided by the truth which sets men free, the various periodicals of the church have a splendid opportunity to emphasize their story of faith and good work across the land."

What can you do to observe Church Press Month? Why not promote THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. The "Voice of Christian Endeavor," every leader should receive this official publication regularly. Subscription rates are \$1.50 per year; 5 copies to one address, \$6 per year; 10 copies to one address, \$10 per year. Urge every Endeavorer to subscribe.



Making a Will? Remember Christian Endeavor

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Photo by Christian A. Tierre



From Coast to Coast . . .

Christian Endeavorers Are Busy

TOP, LEFT—Choir from Annville Institute sang on "Songs of Faith" program over television station WHAS, Louisville, during Kentucky convention. Bishop R. W. Rash of Huntington, Indiana, spoke. Choir director is Mr. Calvin Swart, a science instructor at the Institute.

TOP, RIGHT—Participants in installation and dedication service at Iowa Convention are (left to right) Ervin Roorda, president; Shirley Schaap, missionary chairman; Herman De Jong, southeast vice-president; Joyce M. Van Roekel, treasurer; Ken Mellema, finance chairman; Shirley Groendyke, editor; Tom Boat, first vice-president; Joyce Van Roekel, secretary; Sam Gosselink, past president; Rev. Raymond Rewerts and Rev. Herman Ridder.

LEFT, UPPER—At New York's convention banquet in Calvary Baptist Church, Syracuse, Mr. William Vietenheimer (right), re-elected president of the Empire State, introduces Carol Gordin, newly-elected teenage associate president.

LEFT, LOWER—Arch McQuilkin of Philadelphia proudly displays "klompen" which were presented to him at Michigan convention in Holland. Left to right are Henry Kleinheksel, convention chairman; Mr. McQuilkin; Darrell Franken, who was then serving as general secretary of Michigan Union; Mayor Robert Visscher of Holland; and Harold Van't Hof, program chairman.

BOTTOM, LEFT—Texas delegates are pictured at recent convention in Dallas.

BOTTOM, RIGHT—This booth, prepared by Cecil A. Jeffery, was seen by an estimated 10,000 persons in three days during the recent Los Angeles County (California) Convention.

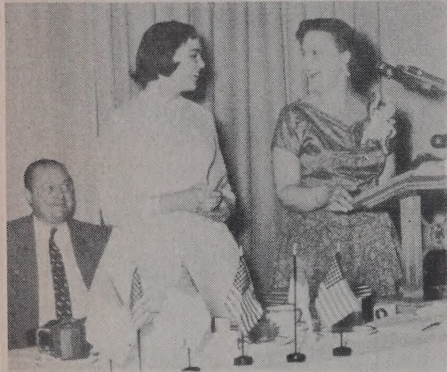


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Growing as a Christian

THIS is the Christian call, yesterday, today and forever: *Begin a new life! God gives us another chance!*

Jesus proclaimed this truth—"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). ("Born anew" is wording in some translations.)

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word," wrote Peter, "that ye may grow thereby" (I Peter 2:2).

After the New Birth, the New Growth.

Let Young Adult units discuss fully how to grow as Christians.

As keen a thinker as Woodrow Wilson was, marked, in the 1919 Peace Conference, that Jesus "taught the ideal without proposing any practical means of attaining it." Evidently he wanted a new set of Ten Commandments, a "program for Christians," that would be ascribed directly to the Founder. If Jesus did not set down rules, to be learned, recited, and used for testing whether this or that person qualifies as a disciple of Christ's. The rules men have added to fashion, based on their concepts of what Christ wants persons and societies to do and to do, seem to have limited value.

Instead, it is by knowing all we can learn about Jesus, how He lived, what He taught, and by opening our hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that we grow as Christians and as witnesses for Christ.

As Bishop Stephen Neill has written (in *Christian Character*, Association Press): "The Holy Spirit is the source of all our goodness . . . The Spirit is the *active force*, work with us and within us."

HOW do we prepare ourselves to receive and be directed by the Holy Spirit?

1. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). We shall read the Bible, particularly the Gospels. We shall think deeply about what we read. We shall look to ministers and others who teach on the Word of God; their interpretations, added to our own study, will show how we can serve Christ through the pattern and the spirit of our daily living.

2. In daily prayer and meditation, we shall try to bring Jesus more fully and intimately into our own lives, to determine what He would like to have us do and be. Some of us will be more successful than others in closing our minds of frivolous desires and worldly ambition, in order to accept Christ's guidance. "Yet everyone can learn something . . . of feeling the presence of the living Christ," Bishop Neill assures us.

3. We shall observe and be influenced by the lives of others which, to some considerable extent, reflect living that is motivated by Christ's Spirit. We shall not be thrown off our course because some we have so observed do not continuously and consistently follow

a course of perfection. (Read Romans 3:23; also II Peter 1:4-10.) If one's friends include a number who seem to be making a conscious effort to live close to Christ, one's own loyalties become warmer and perception in Christian truths becomes more certain.

4. We shall develop the Inner Voice, often called conscience. "You cannot do this," the Voice seems to say. Not because some rule committed to memory forbids it; rather, our allegiance to Christ is too strong to be forgotten or resisted. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17). (In the same book, see 6:17, 18; also 4:6, 7.)

5. We shall review our way of life to see if "the fruit of the Spirit" is displayed in our growth as Christians. Turn to Paul again (Galatians 5:22, 23) to read that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." If we grow in these virtues, or fruitfulness, it would seem that our new life in Christ is gaining in strength and in value.

6. We shall share our Christian growth and our improved allegiance with others. I well remember a Sunday school teacher who told some of us, "I am often tempted, just as everyone is, and I do not always resist—but my Redeemer has given me some of His power, on which I can draw when I so will, to resist every possible form of temptation." If I have remembered that testimony of a Christian teacher for some forty years (almost word for word) think how powerful can be the influence of one witnessing Christian on the lives of others who desire to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!"

You find it hard to ask others to accept Christ as their Saviour and their Master? Pray for the courage to speak, but pray and live as a Christian witness while you strive to use the spoken word for Him. *How you live* may be the deciding factor in the winning of others to Christ. Yet try to be more than a "silent witness." To speak, even haltingly, of what your Saviour means in your daily living, in your choices, in your aspirations, might bring the new life, the rebirth in Christ, and then the growth of a new Spirit-guided life to at least one of your friends, and perhaps to many.

No Young Adult, unfolding the Christian invitation to others, is suggesting something that is easy to accept. It is only with the help of the Spirit that we find courage to call another into Christ's flock, and only with that same help that salvation and freedom can be gained by the person who accepts Him. But growth in Christian living will come the more readily as we become His ambassadors, His witnesses, His evangelists.

C. E. Conferences And Conventions

OCTOBER

- 3-5—New Jersey, Atlantic City
- 5-6—Great Lakes Region, Winona Lake, Indiana
- 11-12—Southern Region, Roanoke, Virginia
- 12-14—Ontario, Hamilton
- 24-27—Indiana, Evansville

NOVEMBER

- 7-9—Missouri, Cape Girardeau

DECEMBER

- 6-9—Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference and Program Council, Columbus, Ohio

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Sharing in Worship

No. 1 in a Series: "The P's and Q's of Worship"

Isaiah 55:1-11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

NOVEMBER

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart*

Our Aim

To discover for ourselves that private and public worship of the True and Living God is as essential to our spiritual lives as breathing is to our physical lives.

For the Leader

How fortunate you are to have been selected as the leader for this meeting. Yours is a great responsibility. If you really put something into this hour you will reap a rich reward. You will be blessed with inner satisfaction and your hearers will rejoice.

If you can make this meeting of such a nature that each one will feel the presence of Jesus Christ, you will have made it a service of genuine worship.

Publicity

Try to secure a small wooden church. Place it on a table and surround it with small cards with statements like these printed on them: "You truly worship when you attend in the spirit of truth." "Come and receive, go and share." "Worship with us at Christian Endeavor time." State time, place of meeting, and leader.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Group Reading of Scripture: Psalm 32:1-11
Hymn: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*
Sentence Prayers
Offering and Announcements
Special Music
Leader's Presentation
Speakers' Assignments
Leader's Summary
The Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Time of Meditation
Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

Christian Endeavor can be a center of rich instruction. Here we discover convincing ways or techniques of participating in worship.

1. **Reverent Quietness**—The psalmist said, "Be still and know that I am God." One of the prophets wrote, "The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." We need to remember that God is present in our midst when we enter God's house. We need to be quiet and reverent before Him, that we may hear His voice. Let us refrain from all frivolity and jesting. Let us realize the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is present with us in every worship service which we hold—He hears

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PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. How does one prepare himself to enter into sincere worship?
2. Is it true that young people do not know how to worship because they have never been taught how?
3. What suggestions can you offer a leader who would like to make his meeting a time of true worship?
4. What are the outstanding hindrances in a Christian Endeavor worship service?
5. How can Christian Endeavor members add to the value and spirit of worship in the Sunday worship services in the sanctuary?

what we say, He sees what we do, He observes our singing, and He listens to our prayers! How good to constantly remember that the Lord Jesus is in our midst as we worship Him. Reverent quietness will help us to share more fully in the service of worship.

2. **Attentive Listening**—The psalmist said, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak." One Sunday morning a missionary appeared before a group of natives, carrying in his hand one of the Gospels which he had just finished translating into their native tongue. After the natives had sung their songs, the missionary began to read God's own words to them. It was the first time they had heard God's Word read in their language. As they listened, their hearts overflowed with praise and thanksgiving and they cried out, "It speaks our language! It speaks to us! O missionary, read the Word again to us!" How hungry and eager the natives were for the Word of God.

Although we have God's Word all our lives, let us listen to it with real hunger in our hearts, and with a real desire to be blessed by it. Attentive listening to God's Word brings blessing to hungry hearts. And attentive listening to those who are talking to us about the things of God brings blessing into our lives. It was Jesus who said, "Take heed . . . how ye hear."

3. **Hearty Singing unto the Lord**—If you are truly sharing in worship you have your whole heart in the singing of all the hymns. Paul said we are to sing and make melody in our hearts unto the Lord. The psalmist said, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." How necessary it is for us to sing with understanding. Let us realize the

meaning of what we are singing, for the more we sing will be more acceptable unto the Lord.

First Speaker

When we sincerely pray we are sharing in worship. We should pray with faith. His Word directs us. We should pray earnestly. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." We will receive the answer to our prayers if we come to Him as obedient children. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do the things that are pleasing in His sight."

Second Speaker

Our souls will shrivel and starve if we fail to truly worship God in spirit and in truth. Our spiritual growth is largely dependent upon our assembling with others of "like precious faith" and lifting our hearts and voices in united praise to God. Sharing in worship will add strength to my own soul and keenness to my own spiritual vision.

Third Speaker

By building our society we can have more individuals share in worship. Andrew found Peter and brought him to Jesus. You and I can help in the worship service of our Christian Endeavor meeting by bringing others to our society meetings. There is a special thrill for all when the society meeting is well attended. We can make a wonderful contribution to the worship service of our Christian Endeavor society when we get excited enough to reach more members for our society. We can do it today.

Leader's Climax

We have received special instruction on the great idea of sharing in worship. We ought to keep it before us and practice it here in our society meetings and also in the sanctuary when we enter the worship services of the church.

Life Problem

Harry Smith doesn't attend church at any youth meetings for the simple reason he believes he can worship just as well roaming out-of-doors and exercising deep appreciation for all the things his eyes behold. Is he on the wrong track? Is there anything too wrong with what he is doing?

Illustration on the Topic

A policeman was converted and began to pray that God would give him another job. At last he realized he was making a great mistake. He said he would serve God right where he was and use every opportunity for His glory. He looked upon his work as a kind of worship for now his whole heart was in it as he served the Lord.

Bible Passages

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| M., Oct. 28. | Example of the Apostles. | Luke 24:52,53. |
| T., Oct. 29. | Call to Worship. | Isaiah 2:2,3. |
| W., Oct. 30. | Sing unto the Lord. | Psalm 33:2,3. |
| T., Oct. 31. | Pray Together. | Matthew 18:19,20. |
| F., Nov. 1. | Reading God's Word. | Nehemiah 8:2,3,8. |
| S., Nov. 2. | The Attitude of Worship. | John 4:23,24. |
| Sun., Nov. 3. | Topic—Sharing in Worship. | Isaiah 55:1-11. |

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from YOUTH HYMNS, published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

God and My Allowance

Numbers 18:26; I Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 9:6, 7



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

NOVEMBER 3

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb*

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
 Hymn: *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
 Song to Worship: Psalm 100 (read carefully, understandingly)
 Lesson: *This Is My Father's World*
 Morning Prayer
 Leader's Talk
 Scripture: Numbers 18:26; I Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 9:6,7
 Questions 1, 2, 3 (Leader asks questions)
 Prayer
 We give Thee but Thine own,
 What'er the gift may be:
 All that we have is Thine alone
 Trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive,
 And gladly, as Thou blestest us,
 O Thee our first fruits give.
 —Bishop W. Walsham How
 Morning Service
 Leader's Testimony
 Questions 4, 5, 6 (Leader asks questions)
 Reading Scriptures
 Questions and Discussion
 Presentation of the Tenth Legion
 Hymn: *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
 Evening Prayers
 Benediction

Planning the Meeting

Let us make this an unusual meeting. Let a tither to make a short talk, telling of blessings he receives in his life because of tithes, and also how he can make the tithes go farther with God than tithes without Him.
 Divert the meeting by cutting out cardboard dollars and dimes, tying them together with about six inches of string. Print invitation to meeting on dollar, and hand out all Intermediates on Sunday morning. Have a poster draw a church bank with a dollar in the top and the words, *The Tenth is the Lord's* on the roof. At the side draw a dollar of nine dollars with the words, *Nine is for Myself*. Ask all who have part in the familiar with the Scripture references. We are not so much interested in what we talk about this subject as in what the tithers say.
 It would be a fine thing to get the boys and girls to become members of the Tenth Legion if they have not already done so. The pledge is: "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will make it the rule of my life to set aside at least one-tenth of my income to be used for the advancement of His kingdom."

Leader's Introduction

Call attention to the topic for discussion on the poster and the dollars and dimes.
 Mrs. Webb is a long-time Endeavorer from Tillamook, Oregon, having served as sponsor of many Intermediate groups and as a state union officer.

OUR AIMS

1. To understand the origin of the giving of the tithe.
2. To see the pattern of giving which the New Testament teaches.
3. To see that an Intermediate, as a Christian, has certain responsibilities for the way he spends his money, whether it be an allowance or earned.

QUESTIONS

1. Why should the Lord's tenth be taken out before we spend the nine-tenths?
2. Why can every Christian afford to tithe?
3. Why are we as Christians as responsible for the way we spend the nine-tenths as we are for the way we spend the one-tenth?
4. Even though my parents have given a tithe before giving me my allowance, why must I give my tithe? Is each Christian personally responsible for what he does with his money as well as for what he does with his life?
5. What does the Bible mean when it says, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"? And, "The love of money is the root of all evil"?

used for advertising the meeting. Point out the fact that only nine-tenths of our money is our own, for one-tenth belongs to God. Mention the aims for the meeting. Assign Daily Reading Scriptures to six boys and girls.

Lesson Material

1. *Who is the owner of all things?* Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." If God created the earth, He surely owned it in the beginning. The Bible also tells us that "The earth is the Lord's." God says, "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." David wrote, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein," and "We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture." God has never given the earth to man. He still owns it. He put man upon the earth to have dominion over it and to care for it as stewards. Nothing material can really belong to us. These things are ours as a trust from God. We can only own those things which we can take with us when we leave this world, such as character and the things of the spiritual life. That is why Jesus told us to lay up treasures for ourselves in heaven.

Daily Readings

- M., Oct. 28. Giving When You Have Little. Mark 12:41-44.
 T., Oct. 29. God's Right to Our Wealth. I Chronicles 29:11-14.
 W., Oct. 30. Your Heart and Your Treasure. Matthew 6:19-21.
 T., Oct. 31. A Faithful Steward. Luke 16:9-13.
 F., Nov. 1. The Results of Squandering. Luke 15:11-16.
 S., Nov. 2. The Results of Giving. Luke 6:38.
 Sun., Nov. 3. Topic—God and My Allowance. Numbers 18:26; I Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 9:6,7.

2. *What offering did people in the Old Testament times make?* God early established the giving of the tithe as a definite part of the worship of His chosen people, the Jews. They were asked to give of the first-fruits, or one-tenth of their possessions to Him. Read Proverbs 3:9; Deuteronomy 8:18; Exodus 35:29a; Leviticus 27:10 and Deuteronomy 12:11b. These Scriptures show that it was the law to give the tithe. No offering could be made until the tithe had been paid.

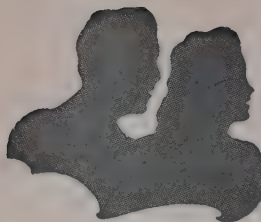
3. *What did Jesus teach about the tithe?* Jesus always made it clear in His teachings that He came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it; therefore, He put His stamp of approval upon the giving of the tenth. He did not command it, but raised our level of giving from law to love. He said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." If the Jews paid one-tenth to the Lord, surely we Christians, who have received all of the blessings which Jesus has brought to the world, dare not give any less! Read Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; Luke 21:2-4.

4. *What was the practice set by the New Testament church?* Read I Corinthians 16:1-4 (part of Scripture lesson). It has been pointed out that verse 2 definitely tells us how to give: 1. It means regular, periodic giving—upon the first day of the week. 2. It means personal giving—each one of you. 3. It means thoughtful, planned giving—lay by in store. 4. It means proportionate giving—as we have prospered. 5. It means preventive giving—that there be no deficit, no worry, no retrenchment in the great program of the church.

5. *What is stewardship?* A steward is one who manages the affairs of another, giving account to the owner. A Christian steward is one who acknowledges that God owns everything, and that he (the steward) is to have the use of things while here on the earth, and to render an account to God for the use he makes of all of God's gifts. Some people say that they work hard for their money, therefore it is theirs to do with as they please. What is wrong with this statement?

6. *How does being stewards make us partners with God?* Read I Corinthians 3:6-9. David Livingstone said, "I will place no value upon anything that I have, except in its relationship to the kingdom of God." Why would you say that he and God were partners? Tithing makes us more interested in the work, for "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." We can really pray, "Thy kingdom come," and mean it, when we are backing up our prayer with our money.

Additional helps available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio, include the folder, "What Is the Tenth Legion?" and Tenth Legion enrollment cards. The cost for each of these items is 25c a dozen, \$1.75 per hundred.



Leading in Worship

No. 2 in a Series: "The P's and Q's of Worship"

Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 6:1-8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

NOVEMBER

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

Our Aim

To develop leaders within the ranks of Christian Endeavor who will set high value on true worship.

For the Leader

The secret of this meeting will rest in the discussion you are able to generate and the questions you are able to bring to the attention of the society. As the leader of the meeting you must direct that discussion. A good leader is more intent upon getting group participation than on injecting his own ideas.

Publicity

Make a poster on white paper, placing on it a November calendar. Mark the date November 10 with black ink. Call it "A Significant Night." Mail out postcards with the date marked in red and the topic in blue. Stress time, place, and leader in all your publicity.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Meditation Time (Heads bowed in silent prayer)
Call to Worship: "Be still and know that I am God"
Hymn: *Be Still, My Soul*
Scripture: Psalm 51:1-12
Hymn: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*
Prayer Time (Pray especially for your leaders)
Offering and Announcements
Special Music
Leader's Presentation
Speakers' Assignments
The Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

This is the final topic in a series of two on "The P's and Q's of Worship."

How searching is the question, "What kind of church would my church be, if every member were just like me?" It would be good to change that line just a little and say, "What kind of Christian Endeavor society would my society be if all the leaders were just like me in the preparation of the topic for this meeting?"

Hasty preparation of a topic or a worship service does not have much value; it is soon forgotten. Too many leaders just want to get through and have it over with as quickly as possible. They do not fully realize that the hour before them could be loaded with rich values and eternal good.

Superintendents and counselors in Christian Endeavor can do something to improve "leading in worship." Here are a few practical suggestions.

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. The topic for December 1 is "A Child Is Promised." What suggestions would you make on leading in worship with this topic under consideration?
2. What four things could we do to improve the attendance at our society meetings?
3. Since we are not all alike as far as creative ability is concerned, what suggestions can be offered to help those who seem to lack this talent?
4. Along what lines can our pastor help us in the matter of leading in worship?
5. Does a service cluttered with variety always help in producing a fine worship service? Can we get too much variety?

A. Sit down with all your leaders for next month. Have a blackboard in the room where you meet. Open the meeting with each one offering prayer for the work of Christian Endeavor. Consider the topic assigned for each leader and, with the help of all, see what can be done to have better worship services. It would be wise to include in this meeting your publicity chairman, music committee chairman, and any other committee chairmen who can make a contribution to the whole program of Christian Endeavor.

B. Each leader should be much in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

C. A leader should not be content until he feels he has down on paper that which is the result of his best thinking.

D. Build each worship service around the topic. Hymns should be carefully selected and should fit into the idea the leader wants to get across. The Scripture should have a bearing upon the theme or topic. The special music also could be so slanted. Be sure the room in which you meet is in order. An untidy room can do a lot of harm to a well-planned worship service. The leader, too, should be neatly dressed. All of these ideas will benefit a leader if he tries to put them into practice.

First Speaker

All of us can help in leading in worship by our attendance. We are admonished not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Our presence will inspire the leader to do his best. Our presence will encourage others to bring their friends. How disap-

pointing to bring a friend and find on few present to extend greetings. We help by our attendance.

Second Speaker

We can help in leading in worship giving of our means. First we give ourselves in faith to God, acknowledging Christ our Saviour and Lord. Then we give ourselves in loving service, and with the of self goes the gift of money. Bringing gifts to God is truly worship. We promote the work of the society if we have more money in the treasury. We ought be able to secure worthwhile materials enable us to provide more meetings of interest.

Third Speaker

The psalmist said we should praise God in His sanctuary. How necessary it is for us to regularly assemble ourselves in a place of meeting for the enrichment of our own spiritual lives. This is the very place where we can receive abundance from God to enable us to be wise unto salvation, rich in the service of our Lord. Thus enabled by His Holy Spirit we shall see spirit of worship rise within our own circle of Christian Endeavor members, and shall help in leading in worship.

Leader's Climax

In stressing the importance of public worship and the planning of the worship service in our meeting here, we are in sense minimizing the necessity of each worshipping God in the privacy of our homes and stores and shops and offices. Both public and private worship of God have their place in the spiritual growth of God's people.

Life Problem

Tom goes to Sunday school and no stays for church. He says the church service is too stiff and formal. He doesn't go to young people's meeting because the times he did attend it was unattractive without plan and purpose. So he stays home. What can be done to reach Tom? How is he right in his decision to stay at home because of what he has discovered?

Illustration on the Topic

Harry Smith's loyalty to the church received a jolt when he read, "My absence from church made some question the reality of religion; it made some think that I was a pretender; it made many think that regarded my spiritual welfare of very little concern." Harry woke up.

All orders for Christian Endeavor's 1958 Color Door Posters must be sent to Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, by November 15. Has your society participated in this project?

Check on those in your society who do not receive THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Urge them to subscribe. Only \$1.50 a year in United States, \$1.75 in Canada.

From the Book of Books

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| M., Nov. 4. | Leadership by Example. | I Timothy 4:12,13. |
| T., Nov. 5. | Choose Your Theme Wisely. | Titus 3:8,9. |
| W., Nov. 6. | Plan an Orderly Meeting. | I Corinthians 14:33,40. |
| T., Nov. 7. | Prepare the Place of Meeting. | Mark 14:12-16. |
| F., Nov. 8. | Know Your Topic. | II Corinthians 4:6,13. |
| S., Nov. 9. | Personal Preparation. | II Timothy 2:21,22. |
| Sun., Nov. 10. | Topic—Leading in Worship. Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 6:1-8. | |

They Paid the Price

Hebrews 11:32-12:1; 1 John 3:16



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

NOVEMBER 10

Comments by Charles O. Heyward*

of the Meeting

To teach us that even in suffering persecution we are on the winning side and have Christ in our hearts.

To inspire us to greater faith as we consider the examples of martyrs and other people who showed great faith through suffering for Christ's sake.

the Leader

If possible, obtain a copy of *Fox's Book of Martyrs* by William B. Forbush at a Christian book store or the library. This book tells of the experiences of Christian martyrs from the reign of Emperor Nero to our times. But let this meeting stress more than just the heroic Christians of the past. We, also, need to learn that the Gospel which is worth living for is also worth dying for and that we too should be ready and willing to suffer for our faith. Be sure that everyone who has a part in the meeting has material at least a week in advance, and that everyone give his thoughts in his own words (including yourself!).

er's Talk

Tomorrow is Armistice Day, or Veterans' Day, as it is now known in the United States, when those who have served their country are remembered and honored, especially those who have suffered and died in defense. It is fitting also that we remember those Christian heroes through the centuries who have suffered and died for their faith in Christ and for the cause of the Gospel.

During World War II, two Dutch sisters, Bep and Corrie, lay among 700 other women prisoners in a German concentration camp. All this misery and suffering, Bep was looking into the future. She was telling her sister Corrie that when they were free, their most important task would be to tell everyone who would listen that Jesus is the answer to every problem. Bep and Corrie were happy because the presence of Jesus was so real to them that they did not think of all the misery about them. A few days later Bep died. By a miracle, Corrie was released a few days later, and she was fulfilling Bep's dream as she told about all over the world telling that Jesus is the victor over sin and every problem of life. Even as a martyr for Christ, Bep was on the winning side in that concentration camp, as God called her sister Corrie to fulfill the task that He had revealed to her.

This true experience of two Dutch sisters should thrill us this evening as we remember that the message of Christ is not worth living for but also worth dying for. Are we ready to live for Him, and if not, are we ready to die for Him?

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Scriptural Introduction: 1 Peter 4:12,13
Hymn: **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**
Hymn: **Faith of Our Fathers**
Scripture: 1 John 3:16; Hebrews 11:32-12:1
(Let a different member read each verse, the leader closing with Hebrews 12:1.)
Prayer (Encourage everyone to take part. Suggest the needs to be prayed for.)
Announcements
Offering
Hymn: **Are Ye Able, Said the Master**
Leader's Talk
Discussion of Topic
Closing Hymn: **Follow, I Will Follow Thee**
Benediction

The Scripture Passages

1. Hebrews 11 is the great Faith Chapter of the New Testament. In it many heroes of the Old Testament pass before us in review, and we see glimpses of some of the great things they accomplished because of their faith in the true God. More names are mentioned in verse 32 in the passage for this evening, and more great deeds of faith in verses 33-35. God did not give us these verses just so we might learn about the past, but to teach us that if we live by faith in Jesus Christ we too can do great things for Him. The God of Gideon and Samson is the same God we have with us today, and if He could give Samson victory over a lion (Judges 14:5,6) He can certainly give us victories over the problems we have from day to day.

2. Beginning with the verse 35 of the Faith Chapter, we also read of the cruel treatment and martyrdom that many of the Old Testament heroes suffered because of their faith. Tradition says that it was Isaiah who was placed in a hollow log and sawed in half (verse 37). So we see that faith not only brings great victories and accomplishments but it can also bring suffering at the hands of men, and sometimes death. But whether it is a great victory or a painful death, it is for the glory of God if it is because of faith in Him.

3. 1 John 3:16 reminds us that Christ loved us so much that He laid down His life for us, and that because of what He has done for us we should be willing to

lay down our lives for our Christian brothers. Perhaps we will never be called upon to die for them, but we can also "lay down our lives" by giving ourselves to the service of others at all times (read verse 17).

Martyrs of Today

In January, 1956, five young men in the jungles of Ecuador were attacked by surprise and killed by savage Indians. The men had come to tell these Indians about Jesus and His love. Each of these missionaries was under 33 years old and was married, and all but one had children. It seemed that they had many years ahead of them for serving the Lord, but their lives were snuffed out within a few moments.

The story of this tragedy spread around the world. In the United States and Canada alone, hundreds of young people have given themselves for service in the mission fields because of what happened in Ecuador. The story of these five Christian heroes, and the great faith of their wives who are left, has appeared in leading magazines that are read by millions of people. Other missionaries are determined that these savage Indians must hear the Gospel and have a chance to know Christ as their Saviour.

1. Did those five young men die in vain? Was the cause of the Gospel helped or hindered when they died?

2. What caused these men to want to risk their lives in the jungles of Ecuador? (Read Acts 20:24.)

3. Some people said that these five lives were wasted in a foolish adventure. Is that true? Does God ever make a mistake?

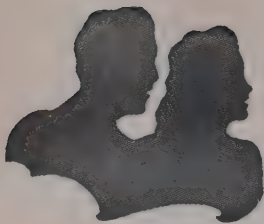
Points for Discussion

1. A ship is in the midst of a thick fog. The passengers are afraid, not even being able to see the water about them. But on the ship's radar screen a light is seen, indicating that another ship is just a few miles ahead. The radar has penetrated the surrounding fog and picked up the ship's image. In times of trouble, how is faith like radar?

2. Just as in China and other countries, the Christians in Korea have suffered terrible persecution by the Communists. Many a Communist boy has been known to murder his Christian brother or sister, and Christians have been crucified or killed in other cruel ways by the Communists. But in the midst of all this cruelty and martyrdom, the church in Korea has become strong. In some churches, four or five thousand are known to attend prayer meeting each morning at five o'clock. Some Koreans who have come to America have been disappointed to find so few Christians witnessing for Christ and attending prayer meeting. It has been said that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." How does Korea illustrate this? Do you think persecution would make Christians stronger in America?

From God's Word

M., Nov. 4. Zechariah Paid the Price. II Chronicles 24:20-22.
T., Nov. 5. John the Baptist Paid the Price. Mark 6:32-39.
W., Nov. 6. Stephen Paid the Price. Acts 8:57-60.
T., Nov. 7. James Paid the Price. Acts 12:1,2.
F., Nov. 8. Paul Willing for Martyrdom. Acts 21:10-14.
S., Nov. 9. Christ Predicts Martyrdom. Matthew 10:21,22.
Sun., Nov. 10. Topic—They Paid the Price. Hebrews 11:32-12:1; 1 John 3:16.



Sharing Our Faith with Japan

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

NOVEMBER

Comments by Dr. Earle W. Gates*

Aim of This Topic

1. To ascertain how much faith we have to share.
2. To learn Japan's spiritual need today.
3. To begin to share our faith with the Orient.

The Leader's Blueprint

In building anything it is necessary to have a pattern to follow. The more important the building, the more detailed the blueprint. This meeting is a most important project. If successful, it will help untold multitudes in the Orient and around the world. Lives will be changed at home, according to the way leaders of this meeting prepare and present it.

In preparing any Christian Endeavor meeting, every leader should first pray for God's direction. He should study the Scripture lesson given. Then he should think carefully upon the title and purpose of the meeting. *Only after this* should be read the topic treatment given below. Original thought before reading the writer's material will make a much richer and better meeting. Finally, and constantly, PRAY for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Prepare a brief Leader's Talk to explain the topic and its purpose. This will prepare the way for discussion. It is seldom possible to have a live, helpful discussion on a question or topic that has been thrown out to the group "cold."

The leader can make this meeting unusual and attractive with a little effort. He can secure Oriental travel wall posters from airline, steamship or railroad companies. Suitable decorations, including these posters, can be put in the meeting room. Special music and poetry can be used, and perhaps an exhibit of Japanese articles set up (ask your friends and church leaders). A map of Japan or the Orient would help focalize interest. Make the meeting "different." Missionary meetings never need be dull or ordinary.

A good missionary poem could be used during the worship service. Use hymns such as *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*; *Fling Out the Banner*; *O Zion, Haste*; etc.

The meeting might well close with a circle of prayer for Japanese Christians, and for the winning of all Japan for Christ.

Sharing Our Faith with Japan

It is said that a woman once put a slip of paper in a missionary offering plate saying, "I give two sons." One of these was Samuel Wells Williams, who became a pioneer missionary to China, a brilliant linguist, a diplomat who helped open Japan to western trade, culture and religion.

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QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think faith is worth sharing with others?
2. Why is our faith unique and indispensable?
3. What is the greatest need of Japan today? Why?
4. List the needs you have learned from this meeting.
5. How can Jesus Christ meet these needs?
6. What can our society do to help Japan?
7. How can we share our faith?
8. To become a Christian in Japan requires a clean break in the social pattern of life. Family, friends, and job often have to be forfeited. How much do we have to sacrifice to be a Christian here? How far would we go for Christ?

For more than two hundred years the Land of the Rising Sun was closed to all outside culture or influence. The Shogun, the real ruler even over the emperor, established this restriction, for it was feared Japan might be seized as a colony by other world powers. It completely sealed off these wonderful islands.

When Commodore Matthew C. Perry finally succeeded in effecting the Treaty of Kanagawa in 1854, after a series of bold and clever maneuvers, it was a major victory for western culture and for Christianity. This treaty assured "perfect, permanent, and universal peace between the U. S. A. and the Empire of Japan," together with friendly reciprocal agreements for mutual help. At that time the few who could speak Japanese and begin educational processes were missionaries in China. Of these, one of the most influential was Samuel Wells Williams. The Christian Gospel had a great opportunity that was never fully met.

In modern days Japan has again been closing her ears to Christian culture, while embracing western industrial and scientific methods. The recent tragic war could have closed this door again, had victory been reversed. However, God has directed otherwise, and at great price we now have an unparalleled opportunity. Japan is eagerly seeking new ways, western ways—Christian ways.

General Douglas MacArthur, while in charge of military government there, asked for millions of Bibles; he urged missionaries

to come; he pleaded for the Gospel and results. Far too little response was given but a start was made. Today the Japan E. Society, the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor, the Nippon Christian Church (united church body), the Christian universities, and several other evangelical organizations are doing a monumental work. In Japan, however, only half of one percent the population is Christian, the smallest in the world. It is a startling and reassuring fact that among the regular church tendants, 70% are under 30 years of age. Youth has the key for the future in Orient!

Communism Threatens

A hundred years ago the Cross produced the same reaction in Japan as the Communist hammer-and-sickle does in America today. In Japan Communism is a far greater threat *thus far*. Few people realize how close she is to possible acceptance of it, however. A very few circumstances could close Japan forever to Christianity, and open it to the Red conqueror. It is a hazardous race between the Cross and the sickle, Christianity and Communism. We must share our faith.

Young Japan today, emancipated from youth, is wistfully looking to America for example and leadership. They are eager to speak good English, to copy American style of dress, to follow our customs and manners. They are friendly, seeking, and receptive. Can we fail to share our Christ also? More than anything else we have, they need our Saviour, our Bible, our faith in things beyond a life of weariness, hunger, and poverty.

We can share our Christian faith by many means. While Japan still remains an open mission field, we must send ambassadors of Christ to teach—preach—heal. We can send Bibles, Gospels, tracts; the means of Christian Endeavor literature can be provided. Our prayers should be fervent and constant. We can write through pen pals to our friendships warm and vital. Certainly gifts of money can be dedicated links between our faith and their need. A new field secretary for the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor has been appointed this year; go to the World's Union will help continue the work, as well as that in many other fields. To share we must go, or pray, or give—serve exactly as our God blesses and leads. May our motto be "I cannot think of life without Christ; I cannot think of Japan living without Him either."

Projects for Action

1. Make long-range plans for definite work to Japan and other mission fields.
2. Have Japanese Social, using special decorations, food, etc.
3. Serve Japanese meal or a Fireside Fellowship. Sit on floor at low tables or on cushions use chopsticks, serve tea, rice, other typical foods.
4. Help send Bibles, through American Bible Society, to Japan.

Messages from the Bible

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Sharing Our Faith with Japan

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

NOVEMBER 17

Comments by Frances M. Becker*

Arouse Interest in the Meeting

Announce the meeting at least a week ahead.
Put up posters announcing a visit to Japan.
Send invitations in the shape of lanterns to the young people.
Have one of your members dressed in a kimono invite the young people in Sunday school to your Christian Endeavor meeting.
Give your meeting room a Japanese atmosphere.
Hang some Japanese lanterns around the room.
Print some Japanese words on the board or on art paper to be hung around the room.

ARRIGATO—thank you
AYONARA—goodbye
OZO—please
HAYO—good morning

Program Hints for the Meeting

Prepare in advance a number of simple equal to the number of people generally attending the meeting. Number the fans and put on each one some phase of the worship service (i.e., opening prayer, select a missionary hymn, read the Scripture, give a grace prayer, take the offering, etc.). The number of fans needed would determine the number of songs, sentence prayers, testimonies, etc., required. When the leader comes to the meeting he would give each person a fan, making sure all the essential parts of the worship service are covered. The leader has a duplicate list of numbers so he knows the order of the program and fills in if necessary.

Hymn, *In Christ There Is No East or West*, to be read as a poem.

Hymns: *Give of Your Best to the Master*, *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*, *In the Service of the King*, *Are Ye Ready, Said the Master*.

Lived in Japan

As you ride through the Japanese countryside during the summer season, you come to a riverbed after riverbed which has the general appearance. What do they look like? They're usually wide, shallow, and with stones, and down through the water flows a narrow, slowly-winding bed of water—big, wide riverbeds which could hold tons of water but in the summer there's only a trickle.

This is a picture of the spiritual need of Japan, for here is a country with millions of people and only about 2% know Christ. There is a land with so big a population that thousands could be won for Christ but only a trickle know Him. Here are people who thirst for the water of life and there's only a trickle.

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OUR AIMS

1. To know God's commission to His followers.
2. To learn that we as Christians must accept that commission wherever we are.
3. To see the need of sharing our faith with Japan.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY—

- to an American young person who could see no need for sharing our faith with Japan?
- to a Japanese young person who felt no need for a missionary committee because the Japanese do not send missionaries to any foreign country?
- if you were asked what characteristics make for a good missionary?

Religions in Japan

True, the majority of people in Japan are religious, believing in the two major religions of the country, Shintoism and Buddhism.

The Shintoists believe that the sun-god, when on earth, founded the reigning house in Japan and so the emperor is worshipped as of divine origin. The souls of distinguished persons, departed heroes, and members of the family who have died are also worshipped so the essence of Shintoism is ancestral worship.

Buddhism teaches that life on earth can never be anything but a mixed round of cares and fleeting joys and that only complete forgetfulness of self can be the cure. At intervals a diety, called Buddha, appears to rescue the world from ignorance and decay, then to sink into a state of non-existence, called Nirvana, which is considered the highest reward of virtue among men.

So throughout Japan you see thousands of stone and metal lanterns which are lighted by the faithful at certain times of the year to honor the dead. You see people washing their hands and mouths in the temple yards to cleanse their souls before entering the temple. You see men and women burning punk in huge urns outside the temples to burn away their sins. You see thousands of paper fortunes, bought from the priests in the temples, tied to limbs and branches of trees to insure that the good fortune promised will come true.

These people need the true God. They need a Saviour who saves and keeps and satisfies.

Daily Devotional Readings

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Christians in Japan

The Christians in Japan are wonderful people. Although few in number they serve a risen Saviour and are seeking ways to further His kingdom.

In the summer of 1956 the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union was held in Karuizawa, Japan. Over a hundred Christian Japanese young people gathered from the Islands of Japan, frequently at great sacrifice, to meet with other Christian Endeavorers from Australia, China, Formosa, Korea, and the United States. The interpreters were kept busy as the thrilling messages of Christ's commission to His followers were presented, as young people witnessed to Christ's saving grace, and as ideas were exchanged for bringing more and more people to Christ and training young people for Christian leadership.

To see and hear young people of different skin colors, different features, different dress, different habits and different languages pray together, sing together, eat together, and enjoy each other's company made each one present realize anew the fatherhood of God.

Our Responsibility in Japan

Where did the 2% of Japanese Christians come from? Only because Christians like you and me took to heart the great commission of Christ to go and preach the Gospel to all nations did the people of Japan hear the word of God.

You and I have the responsibility for sharing our faith with the Japanese.

Some of us may feel the touch of God's hand upon our lives to prepare ourselves to go as missionaries to the people of Japan.

All of us must pray faithfully that the millions of Japanese who do not know Christ might come to know Him through the witness of Christians in Japan.

All of must give so that the work might be carried on by the trained missionaries with the proper materials and equipment.

Perhaps you might like to correspond with a young Japanese Christian and through your letters and personal prayers encourage him in Christian service in her own land.

Ours is a never-ending responsibility to pray, go, give, and share.

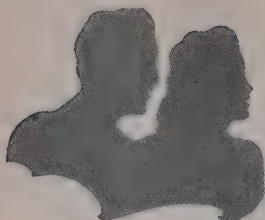
New Field Secretary



Izumi Watanabe

Izumi Watanabe is the newly-appointed traveling field secretary of the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor. His work is made possible largely by a recent grant from the World's Christian Endeavor Union. This is a direct result of the 1956 Pacific Area Conference in Japan last summer.

During the past summer Mr. Watanabe has been working in various areas of Japan, helping the summer conference program.



For These We Give Thanks

Psalm 100; Ephesians 5:20; Luke 17:11-19

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

NOVEMBER

Comments by Rev. Darrell Franken*

Briefing the Leader

Once a year our religious and national leaders set aside one day for the purpose of giving thanks to God. For many people this is just another holiday, but for us it is a time to recount our blessings and praise God for them.

This topic is geared to a "discussion meeting" for the purpose of allowing each person to express his thanksgiving.

Thanks for Daily Provisions

In the Lord's Prayer we find these words, "Give us this day our daily bread." This prayer of petition shows that Jesus thought about this part of our life. Without doubt, Jesus meant for us to be thankful for yesterday's gifts as well as for us to ask for the needs of this day.

It is difficult for us to remember to thank God for daily provisions. After all, we have labored for the paycheck which we use to purchase them. Our refrigerator and deep freeze are the storehouses for these goods. To remember that God provided them is not the easiest task. It is equally difficult to remember that God has provided us with clothes and shelter. But let us make no mistake—God gave us the strength of mind and the vision of heart and soul so that you and I could have these provisions.

As we sit here there is a small boy in India who doesn't know where his next meal will come from. He is roaming through the junk-littered streets of his village, looking for something that will fill his pain-stricken little stomach. He will walk for a short distance and then fall down, because he doesn't have strength to go any farther. He is so thin that you can count his ribs while standing fifty feet away. Such a lad needs help. Who will give it to him?

Discuss: Why do some nations have so much and some have so little? How can a nation share its surplus? (Answer: CROP, CARE, International Trade Agreements.)

Prayers: Have two people pray for those who are not as fortunate as we are.

Thanks for Opportunity

In Ephesians 5:20 we read, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." America has been called the Land of Opportunity. But do we stop to give God the credit for this? Do we thank Him? Thousands of refugees come to America every year to take advantage of the opportunities our nation supplies.

In several European countries opportunities are limited. One particular country has such a scarcity of jobs that many of its

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service:
Praise to the Lord
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Scripture
Prayers
Special Music
Offering
Hymn: He Lives
Topic
Benediction

families are emigrating to Canada. In that country a son cannot inherit his father's business unless he has passed certain qualifications which are set up by governmental agencies. For them, occupational opportunities are limited.

There are other opportunities which surround us. We have opportunities to improve our education, our health, our earning capacity, our home, and our faith. We also have opportunities to witness to others. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men" (Galatians 6:10).

Discuss: Why do we fail to take advantage of great opportunities? (Answer: We fail to call on God's vision and guidance.)

Prayers: Have two people pray for an increase in our vision of the opportunities to witness and to help others.

Thanks for Freedom

Many people have no freedom. They are bound by the chains of sin and selfish desire. Everything they do is for the purpose of personal prestige and personal enjoyment. But the Apostle Paul says, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Galatian 5:1). This is freedom from sin for which we should give thanks.

But there is another area of freedom for which we can give thanks. That is the freedom from governmental oppression such as is found in Communistic countries. There are countries today in which freedom is mocked. In these countries people have no freedom of speech, freedom of press or

freedom of religion. Their government scribes their code of ethics. It controls their thoughts and their actions through the radio and the newspapers. It enforces restrictions and regulations through secret agencies. Neighbors spy on each other, and interfere with their thoughts in order to preserve their lives. This is Communism at work.

Discuss: What can you and I do to serve human freedom? (Answer: Witness the freedom of which Christ spoke.)

Prayers: Have two people pray that they may be better witnesses for Christ and freedom.

Thanks for Our Home

"It takes more than a house to make a home." This old proverb certainly needs to be considered and talked about more than it has. We all live in a house, but how many of us can really call it a home? Is your house a place where you can share your joys and your sorrows? Is it a place where Christ's love binds you together into a worshiping unit? If Christ is the center of your home, if you read the Bible and pray together, you have a lot for which you can be thankful.

On a slum area street in one of our large cities a little boy played in some sand. He was all alone. Tears had washed two clean paths from his eyes to his chin. He was playing under a streetlight, for it was midnight. As he sifted the sand through his fingers you could hear a muffled sobbing noise. The boy was two years old and alone. He didn't come from a home. He merely lived in a house. Aren't you thankful for your home?

Discuss: What makes the difference between a house and a home? (Answer: I think comes through Jesus Christ.)

Prayers: Have two people pray for those who have no home.

Thanks for Our Faith

God appreciates it when we give thanks for what He has done for us. In Scripture (Luke 17:11-19) we notice that Jesus healed ten lepers but only one glorified God and gave thanks to Jesus Christ.

Have you given thanks for what God has done for you? Have you really appreciated His saving grace? Analyze your life. If you haven't been able to give thanks, maybe it is because you have nothing for which you can give thanks. In other words, maybe you have not said, "O. K., I'll tell You" to Christ, and because you have followed Him, you have nothing in which to rejoice. Check your "thanksgiving." Is it enough?

Discuss: If a person doesn't feel thankful, is his faith in serious trouble? (Answer: Yes.)

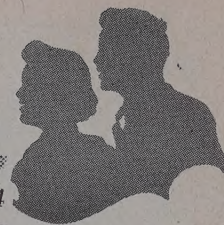
Prayers: Have two people pray for more faith and more thankfulness.

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For These We Give Thanks

Ephesians 5:20; Psalm 106:1; Psalm 116:12-17



Intermediate (12-14 Years) (12-14 Years)

NOVEMBER 24

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. VEH*

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lip from LIFE magazine or a recent spaper the picture of Mayflower II. Then made the voyage from Plymouth, land, to Plymouth, Massachusetts, this ing. Paste on cardboard and stand on e at front of room. Place tapers at either . A cornucopia of fruits and vegetables ld add to the effectiveness.

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ut a picture of someone dressed in rim garb from a recent magazine (see flower II reports). Paste at side of card- rd. Print: "They gave thanks—with little. l we give thanks—with much? Talk it at Christian Endeavor tonight."

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ymns appropriate for use in the worship ice are *Come, Ye Thankful People,* ne; *All Creatures of Our God and King;* ise to the Lord; *For the Beauty of the th.*

ve a Discovery Meeting

ou may make this a "discovery" meet- In advance, ask every member to pre- e a report on those "Great Things Which Hath Done" for us. Besides requesting ry member, as an individual, to be ob- ant, it might be well to ask a few mem- s to report on assigned questions related to the topic.

Scripture

he psalms selected are psalms of thanks- ing. The providential care of God to man xpressed in them. Especially is His care ognized in a time of distress. These lms were written about the time the na- of Israel returned from exile. Their me is the goodness of God to all who upon Him, especially to those who call n Him in trouble.

Ephesians 5:20 suggests that our thanks uld be continuous. Is ours? How can it

Our thanks should be in the "name of our d Jesus Christ." Do many Americans to follow this admonition? Why or why ?

Let the Bible speak on this topic through e passages: I Thessalonians 5:15-23; ephesians 5:15-21; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 21:24; Luke 17:11-19; Philippians 4:4-9; lmn 103:1-12.

Discussion Starters

Will we, this Thanksgiving, individually l collectively be able to say:

Thank God for Health—So many of our ssings are not wholly appreciated while ave them! What physical gifts are in ossession? Have you thanked God for m?

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OUR AIMS

1. To list our blessings as youth in the 20th Century.
2. To not only "be thankful" but to "give thanks" to God.
3. To stress the activity of thankfulness.

I Thank God That I Have Seen Beauty—What thing of beauty has come into your life this year? Have you seen beauty spots in nature, or heard lovely music, or known beautiful characters? Choose one, and tell your friends about it. Let us not take beauty for granted.

I Thank God for Truth—Have you read something especially interesting and inspiring this year? Did some study course or lecture open up a new pathway of thought for you? New ideas are precious. They become yours more and more as you share them with others.

I Thank God for Leisure—What does leisure do to you? To many people it has been an opportunity to do many worthwhile things; to others it has brought a bitterness of spirit and clouds into life. Have you had leisure this year? Has it given you something to thank God for? What? Why?

I Thank God for a Hobby—A young man has found much that is meaningful in life in the study of the stars. They are his hobby! A girl is collecting poems on friendship, and in that collection finding happiness for many hours. Hobbies are legion. Can you be thankful for a truly worthwhile hobby? What? Why?

I Thank Thee That I Am Young—What blessings can youth claim in our day? What tasks may be yours because you are young?

A manufacturer said the other day: "My boys have had too easy a life. They have had too much." Can you thank God for the problems, for hard places, for uncertainty which you may turn to faith, for today? Why? Talk about why one may be glad to be young in 1957.

The Pilgrims—Then and Now

The Puritans of Plymouth gave thanks for the providence of God. In time of trouble they appointed fast days. In time of special prosperity they proclaimed feast days. They saw the hand of God in all that took place.

Our Lord can redeem the United States if only our nation will trust in His providence. His will guide us as He guided the

nation of Israel and as He guided the Pilgrims at Plymouth. We must commit ourselves unto Him that He may help us through our dangers.

We are in the wilderness of many problems today. This wilderness is becoming a kind of jungle through which we cannot lead ourselves. We need a guiding influence in which we can take confidence. That guiding influence will only be found in the faith which builds itself around Christ as the center. Peace and confidence will only come into the hearts of our people when we look unto Him. He will deliver our nation even as He delivered the nation of Israel.

Let us write, then, over the doorway of our hearts two words, "Think" and "Thank." The more we stop to think, the more we shall stop to thank. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Problem Studies

1. Janet has talent for music. She makes little effort to be a good musician. Her parents have given her music lessons for a long time, but she seems not to appreciate the opportunity they have given her. What are some of the possible reasons for Janet's attitude? What would you suggest that she do to be fair both to herself and to others?

2. Many of us regard Thanksgiving Day as just another holiday. What should it mean to us as Christians? What should it mean to us as Americans?

3. Jim likes to use the family car. His wishes sometimes conflict with those of the rest of the family when the use of the car comes into question. How can this problem be worked out?

4. What makes Christian thankfulness different from the thankfulness of those not Christian?

5. What can be done to improve the observance of Thanksgiving Day with true thankfulness?

6. Follow through on the questions listed under each of the items for which we should be grateful.

Debate

Your group might enjoy a simple debate on the subject, "Resolved: That our spiritual blessings outnumber our material blessings." Ask members of both the negative and the affirmative teams to meet in advance to formulate their arguments. Several adults could be asked to serve as judges.

Your Project of Outreach

At Thanksgiving time each year most societies endeavor to aid someone to have real reason for Thanksgiving. You may want to prepare a basket of provisions to enable a needy family to have a good Thanksgiving dinner or to send a CARE package to those abroad who have suffered persecution and want. Talk over the details of how to make the gift and to whom to make it.

Bible Meditations

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William J. Sharpe (left), Area II general secretary, and Harold E. Westenhoff (right), Area I acting general secretary, discuss World's Union program with Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president.



German Endeavors make preparations to feed 2,500 delegates for day evening supper during convention at Kiel. Note the mountain sandwiches!

Christian Endeavor Is "Inter—"

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3)

As a guest there, many American friends were met again. 35,000 boys from 83 nations laid inestimable foundations for world friendship and understanding.

While meeting with our leaders in the Berlin area—faithful pastors who have suffered much at the hands of Communist leaders—a new picture of Christian Endeavor was seen. It advances heroically in the Russian zone, it ministers to the refugees fortunate enough to escape to the Western Zone, it is the answer to the spiritual needs of a war-weary people. Here we had the rare opportunity of going beyond the Iron Curtain, touring the nearly-forbidden Eastern Zone. We were at the Bahnhof in East Berlin when Khrushchev arrived, and heard him speak amid the countless thousands of waving Red flags. Christian Endeavor there, as in Spain and in other underground areas, continues faithful to its heritage and task.

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Our beloved movement is vibrant and growing throughout the British Commonwealth. Meetings were held with many of the dedicated and efficient leaders of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. Theirs is a spirit of advance, and they are keenly interested in reports of the work in North America.

By plane and helicopter, by train and car, some 11,000 miles were covered for Christian Endeavor. (And in Europe, much is covered by foot and by bicycle as well!) It has been an unusual privilege to visit six countries on this trip, making a total of ten for the year. Everywhere the message is the same—"For Christ and the Church we march on." The spirit of Christ is obviously present, uniting His people in a fellowship that transcends all earthly barriers of geography, politics, or race. The

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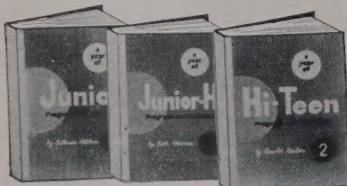
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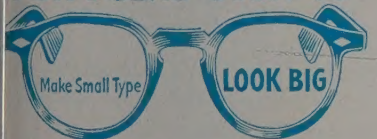
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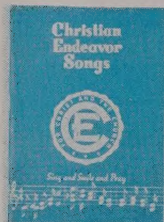
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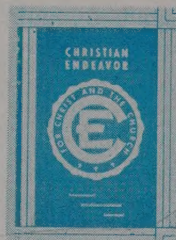
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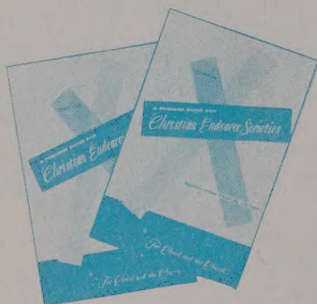


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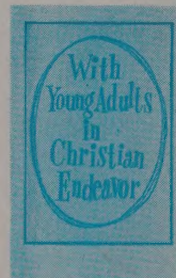
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